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containing a list of items that are being disclosed to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
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The present application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No.  
09/706,233, filed 11/03/2000, which application is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of U.S.  
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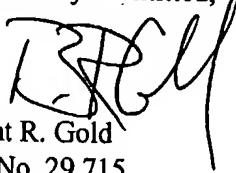
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of Application Serial Number 09/140,034, filed 08/26/1998, now U.S. Patent Number 6,038,484.

The Examiner is hereby notified that all documents cited in form PTO/SB/08 have been cited and previously submitted to the PTO in the above-identified parent application, serial number 09/706,233, with the exception of item A20 (WO00/45618A3). The '618 publication has been published with international search report. A copy of the '618 publication is provided herewith along with the other foreign publications listed in form PTO/SB/08.

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